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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

Sonia Christine Rodriguez,)	Case No. 1:21-cv-01671-BAK
Plaintiff,)	STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR
)	EXTENSION OF TIME
vs.)	(Doc. 13)
Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting)	
Commissioner of Social Security,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED, by and between the parties through their respective counsel of record, with the Court's approval, that Plaintiff shall have a 60-day extension of time, from March 24, 2022 to May 23, 2022, for Plaintiff to serve on defendant with Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment. All other dates in the Court's Scheduling Order shall be extended accordingly.

This is Plaintiff's first request for an extension of time. Good cause exists for this extension. As this Court is well aware, Social Security case filings in federal court increased due to a combination of factors including an increase in

1 appeals council decisions and an increase in hearings at the administrative levels.
2 Then, as a result of the pandemic, shelter-in-place mandates, and Court ordered
3 Stays, there were significant delays in producing transcripts. In recent months,
4 Counsel for the Plaintiff has received a greater-than-usual number of Answers and
5 Certified Administrative Records from defendant including over 60 cases in
6 November and December 2021.

7 For the weeks of March 7, 2022 and March 14, 2022, Counsel for Plaintiff
8 has 13 merit briefs, and several letter briefs and reply briefs. For the remainder of
9 the month of March 2022, Counsel has over 11 additional merit briefs, in addition
10 to reply briefs, and EAJA motions. For the month of April 2022, Counsel has over
11 20 merit briefs currently calendared, with that number expected to grow.

12 Furthermore, Counsel for the Plaintiff has a pre-planned major surgery the
13 week of March 14, 2022. Lastly, another attorney with the firm, Ms. Dolly
14 Trompeter, is currently out of state due to her father's medical condition and as a
15 result, the undersigned has taken on additional matters compounding the need for
16 an additional extension.

17 Counsel for the Plaintiff does not intend to further delay this matter.
18 Defendant does not oppose the requested extension. Counsel apologizes to the
19 Defendant and Court for any inconvenience this may cause.

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23 Respectfully submitted,

24 Dated: February 28, 2022 PENA & BROMBERG, ATTORNEYS AT LAW
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26 By: /s/ Jonathan Omar Pena
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Dated: February 28, 2022

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(*As authorized by email on February 28, 2022)

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing stipulation of the parties (Doc. 13), and for good cause appearing (Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4)),

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff shall have an extension of time, to and including May 23, 2022, in which to file Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment. All other deadlines set forth in the Scheduling Order (Doc. 12) shall be extended accordingly.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 1, 2022

/s/ Sheila K. Oberto
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE